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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 2)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BTRA (SCOTT, DAVID), CZ

SUBJECT: SCOTT VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 46511 (NOTAL); STATE 46711 (NOTAL)

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1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING OUTLINE OF TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
ARRANGED BY CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER FOR SCOTT VISIT:

MARCH 3 (WEDNESDAY)

12:50 -- ARRIVE PRAGUE RUZYNE AIRPORT

1430 -- BRIEFING AT EMBASSY (TENTATIVE)

1600 -- MEETING WITH CZECHOSLOVAK SECTION OF ECONOMIC
COUNCIL

1930 -- DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE CERNY

MARCH 4 (THURSDAY)

9000 -- MEETING AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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1000 -- MR. SCOTT TO CALL ON DEPMIN OF FOREIGN
TRADE, ING. JAROSLAV JAKUBEC

1130 -- MR. SCOTT AND PRESIDENT CERNY CALL
PRESIDENT OF MOTOKOV FOREIGN TRADE
CORPORATION, ING. JAN MACHAJ

1230 -- LUNCH (HOST NOT INDICATED)

1400 -- SIGHTSEEING, OR BRIEFING AT EMBASSY AT 1430
(TENTATIVE)

1800 -- RECEPTION AT HOTEL INTERNATIONAL

MARCH 5 (FRIDAY)

0900 -- DEPARTURE FOR KHARTOUM

NOTE: CHAMBER OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT ABOVE IS TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE ONLY BECAUSE PRESIDENT CERNY, WHO IS ABROAD, HAS
NOT YET SEEN AND APPROVED IT. OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE,
HOWEVER, THAT CERNY WOULD APPROVE SCHEDULE SUBSTANTIALLY
AS IT STOOD.

2. AS REGARDS EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR SCOTT, ABOVE SCHEDULE
WOULD ALLOW FOR AN HOUR WITH CHARGE AND E/COM OFFICERS AT
EMBASSY SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL ON MARCH 3, OR IN
AFTERNOON OF FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH 4. SINCE CZECHOSLOVAK
CHAMBER HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO EITHER OF THESE TIMES
FOR SCOTT PARTY TO VISIT EMBASSY, NOTING ONLY THAT MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IF SCOTT'S
PLANE ARRIVE MUCH LATER THAN SCHEDULED. EMBASSY SUGGESTS
THAT SCOTT PLAN ON 1430, MARCH 3, AS PREFERRED HOUR FOR
BRIEFING, WITH SAME OR SLIGHTLY LATER HOUR ON FOLLOWING DAY
AS BACKUP. WITH THESE TWO OPTIONS, WE EXPECT LITTLE
DIFFICULTY IN WORKING OUT SUITABLE HOUR WITH SCOTT PARTY ON
ARRIVAL, SINCE E/COM SECTION CHIEF HAD BEEN INVITED TO
JOIN CZECH CHAMBER OFFICIALS IN WELCOMING CEREMONY AT
AIRPORT.

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3. ON QUESTION OF AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE RAISED REFTEL (B),
CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER HAS CHECKED AT EMBASSY REQUEST WITH
APPROPRIATE CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES AND HAS SECURED LATTERS'
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR AIRCRAFT TO LAND, PENDING RECEIPT OF
FORMAL APPLICATION FOR LANDING CLEARANCE FROM JET AVIATION IN BASEL.
APPARENTLY, CZECH AUTHORITIES DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE FORMAL
APPLICATION FOR LANDING RIGHTS IN HAND AS YET. WE SUGGEST
DEPARTMENT INFORM U.S. CHAMBER (ED WILSON) IMMEDIATELY

ABOUT THIS SO THAT U.S. CHAMBER CAN DETERMINE WHAT EXACTLY
JET AVIATION HAS DONE REGARDING REQUEST FOR LANDING
PRIVILEGES.

4. CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER HAS REQUESTED TO BE INFORMED
IMMEDIATELY IF ANY CHANGE IS CONTEMPLATED IN SCOTT'S
ARRIVAL TIME.

5. WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MR. SCOTT'S
VISIT NEXT WEEK AND WILL BE HAPPY TO DO ALL WE CAN TO
MAKE IT A SUCCESS. INCIDENTALLY, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW
REASON WHY CHAMBER HAS SINGLED OUT MOTOKOV FTO FOR
MEETING WITH SCOTT, WE SUSPECT IT HAS TO DO WITH RECENT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RULING ON MOTORCYCLE GEAR
SHIFTING WHICH HAS CAUSED SEVERE DISLOCATION IN CZECHOSLOVAK
MOTORCYCLE SALES IN U.S. -- TRADITIONALLY ONE OF THEIR MOST
IMPORTANT DOLLAR EARNERS IN TRADE WITH U.S. WHILE WE
CANNOT CITE SPECIFIC DOT RULING INVOLVED, SCOTT DELEGATION
COULD USEFULLY INQUIRE INTO MATTER WITH DOT BEFORE
DEPARTING WASHINGTON.

6 FINALLY, CHARGE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTING
HIS PERSONAL REGARDS TO SCOTT AND TELLING HIM THAT CHARGE'S
SCHEDULE IS FLEXIBLE AND HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING HIM
WHENEVER SCOTT'S SCHEDULE PERMITS.
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